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## United Church

### Empress

Sunday School, 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. A. J. Law, B.A., Pastor

### Canadian Pacific Offers Low Fares for Easter

For the convenience of those wishing to visit relatives and friends over Easter weekend, special low fares will apply over Canadian Pacific lines it was announced by Mr. C. R. Moore, Agent at Empress.

Single fare and one quarter for the round trip will be good going April 19th to 21st inclusive, with return destination not later than April 22nd. Those desiring longer limit may obtain single tickets at fare and one third, going April 18th to 21st inclusive, leaving return destination April 23rd.

A special ticket for teachers and students will also be offered at single fare and one quarter, good going April 12th to 23rd inclusive and returning from destination not later than April 30th. This ticket provides teachers and students an opportunity for an eighteen day holiday.

### Ottawa

April 5th, 1935

At present the building of new homes is not proceeding at a rate that will offset the inevitable decay of old homes. An investigation into the whole problem is being made by a committee at present. New York city was faced with this problem in 1922 and granted tax exemption for new moderate priced dwellings for ten years if construction was started within one year of April, 1921. The plan proved to be very successful and there was a great increase in building activity. The city benefited by the increased need for labor, building material and other goods. Vacant lots became valuable and taxes were paid on them. Canada, according to statistics, needs an average of 80,000 new homes, and evidence is being taken by those in

### McCune-Cameron

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCune, Abbey Sick, at 2:30 p.m., April 6th, when Andrew Ferne McCune, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCune, became the bride of Albert Cameron, of Madison, Sask. Rev. Giedrich officiated.

The bride was lovely in a floor length gown of white point D'Esprit over white satin and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Gwen McCune, wearing a floor length gown of carmine crepe was bridesmaid, and carried a bouquet of iris and daffodils. Mr. Wes. Cameron, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

Miss Freda Tuskin, of Shackson, Sask., played "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" and during the signing of the register Mrs. E. McDonald sang, "Because."

After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served to the bridal party. The table was decorated in mauve and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron will reside at Madison, Sask.

to find means of financing this program.

Sir George Perley at the age of 78 is quietly leading the House. Each day he talks with Mr. Bennett and gets general applause when he announces that the Prime Minister's brain is much improved. No progress is being made with important legislation as most of it is being held over till after Easter.

In an editorial entitled, "This Parliament is Thriving," the Ottawa Citizen calls for a general election to clear the air.

There have been six Sessions, and there are great problems facing the Canadian people at home and abroad that could be more permanently dealt with by a Government with a veritable fresh front of people. Little interest is being taken in the work of the House, the debates are quiet and the attendance is poor. The private members on all sides of the House feel that they are not accomplishing what they hoped for in this Session and people generally are not taking much interest in the measures that may have been introduced, e.g. Unemployment Insurance, Eight Hour Day, Weekly Day of Rest and the Economic Council or Brain Trust.

A rather unusual debate took place on Thursday on the Penitentiary. The repressive legislation by which capital punishment now hangs over us is supported by many. It has been taken that the Electric chair would be less of a punishment. An investigation is being asked into the whole problem to deal more particularly with the mental condition of convicts, the problem of isolating young persons as advanced by the Board of System and the cheap sentences given by different magistrates for similar offences.

Yours sincerely,  
E. W. Gershaw.

### Scheme For Impounding of Waters of Red Deer River May Be Developed

Robt. Gardiner and Dr. Gershaw now have promise of Some Action; But No Details Particulars.

We appreciate receiving the following advance information from Dr. Gershaw, federal member for Medicine Hat. If this plan is carried out it can not but help make more secure the livelihood of a great many settlers besides providing employment and advancing the welfare of the people and the districts generally. Dr. Gershaw writes:

"Dear Friend,—

I have your letter of August 18th. . . . The idea, however, that you had of making an experiment to prevent soil drifting has recently developed.

Year after year, Mr. Gardiner and myself have urged the diverting of waters from the Red Deer to fill up some of the lakes and ditches for stock watering purposes. We have also urged that re-grassing and planting of trees would help.

The Department now decided to set aside a township here and there to conduct experiments in strip farming and any other methods of restoring fibre to the soil. I regret, that while this announcement has been made, we find it impossible to get any particulars of the plan, in fact, I am afraid the plan is not very well developed as yet.

I have pointed out to the Minister that there are many men in that district who have had great experience and whose advice would be very valuable. I have been greatly interested in these experiments but cannot as yet, obtain particularities. I thought you would be interested in knowing that the scheme you have advocated for so long now is likely to be developed, or at least we have a promise of this,

Yours sincerely,  
E. W. Gershaw.

### Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis was celebrated by a big surprise party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson on Saturday evening. About forty friends and neighbors gathered to congratulate them on the arrival at this auspicious milestone in their lives, and to wish them a continuance of many more anniversaries. The time passed very sociably with interesting and amusing entertainment and singing.

A feature of the evening's entertainment were violin solos by Mr. McNeill and Glen Russell with Miss Lucille Anderson accompanying at the piano. Mrs. L. Shannon entertained those present with vocal solos in characterizations and Mrs. J. McNeill sang old time selections and dressed the part in old time costume; Mrs. J. N. Anderson accompanied at the piano.

A very tasty lunch was served by the ladies of the party. Close to 12 p.m., Mr. D. McEachern read an address and a little poem, following on which the honored guests were presented with a beautiful mantel clock as an appreciation on behalf of those present. Responses were made by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis and Mr. Elva Ellin expressing their deep appreciation for the delightful time and the testimony of friendship embodied in the presentation of such a very fine gift. An enjoyable and happy time was brought to a close by everyone joining and singing "Auld Lang Syne." The occasion was fittingly closed by a few words of prayer from Rev. A. J. Law.

Present with their parents were: Mr. Alva Ellin, Mr. and Mrs. Corinne Ellin and daughters, Mr. Orville Ellin and Mrs. Reg. Pool. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were given a chesterfield as a present from their family.

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### Bindloss Notes

Last Friday evening, April 6, an entertainment was held in the Bindloss Hall under the auspices of the Social Plains Young Peoples' Club. The program consisted of songs, recitations and tap-dancing, ending in a two-act play entitled, "Dinty Dugan, Aristocrat."

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. Stanley Gallup, of Acadia Valley, is spending a few days with friends here.

### St. Mary's Anglican Church

Palm Sunday, April 14  
Holy Communion, 11 a.m.  
7:30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

During Lent, the weeknight Addresses will deal with the History of the Church.

A hearty invitation is extended to everyone to attend these midweek services.

J. S. Parke Vicar.

### Surprise Party

On April 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smarzyk were entertained by a host of friends. The house was filled to capacity, about a hundred guests were present.

The evening was spent very pleasantly in games, cards, etc.

Towards mid-night, Mr. and Mrs. Smarzyk were presented with a curving set and a purse of money from all those present. After the presentation everyone sang "For He's Jolly Good Fun."

Mr. Smarzyk responded with a speech appropriate to the occasion, and his appreciation and recognition of the speech was well applauded.

Since coming to Edmonton, I have had the question of relief in the Village of Empress under review, and their claim along lines of a grant. . . . That arrangement was only for last fall, and no funds are available. However, after interviewing the Minister and the various officials concerned, a solution which I hope will be satisfactory has been agreed to. From now on the Village of Empress will not be required to pay their one-third of relief, as in the past. The whole amount will be paid by the Provincial Government. . . .

### May 6th, Public Holiday

Monday, May 6th, has been proclaimed a public holiday throughout the Dominion and the British Empire, in celebration of the King and Queen's silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McCune and daughter, Audrey, Mrs. Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cameron (newly-weds), visited relatives in town over the weekend, they left for their homes at Madison, Sask., Monday.

This spring has the appearance of being one of the latest springs in the memory of settlers in this district.



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# Compulsory Military Training For Germany Regarded As Menace

London.—Seeking to evaluate its implications, the world over the weekend weighed Saturday's proclamation of Chancellor Adolf Hitler invoking compulsory military training and giving Germany a peace-time army of 500,000 to 600,000 estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000 men.

The Times suggests the projected Berlin visit of Sir John should be undertaken as planned. The Times said: "If Hitler's move is simply a rather crude method of asserting equality, then there is no irreparable harm done."

Hitler plans to apply conscription not only to the army, but to the navy and the new air force as well, he was quoted as saying in an interview in The London Daily Mail's correspondence at Munich, but emphasized that "the German people want no war."

The interview was conducted while flying from Berlin to Munich to attend the first review of the German army on the basis of universal service.

News from other European capitals follows:

—Germany staged a huge military demonstration in memory of Great War dead. General von Blomberg, reichswehr minister, reiterated Hitler's statement of Saturday that Germany wants peace.

At the military demonstration, Reichswehr Hitler, Field Marshal von Mackensen, Von Blomberg, German Premier, Hermann Wilhelm Goering and Admiral Erich Raeder publicly appeared upon a platform together for the first time, reviewing a paraded of 100,000 troops of post-war Germany. Field Marshal Prince Fritsch and Wilhelm was present.

—Political circles held Germany's next move would be to re-pudiate naval stipulations of the Versailles Treaty. Foreign Minister Peter von Neurath in Berlin said Monday shortly, it was said, to tighten up Franco-Soviet relations in view of Hitler's hostility to that European mutual assistance pact.

## All For Peace

### Ramsay MacDonald Says White Paper Is A Peace Document

London.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, tired and shaking the ravages of a long illness, has been kept in bed the last week, restricted to duty to authorize other dental reports he is about to resign.

Nevertheless, rumors continued that the veteran leader's health is likely with general reconstruction of the cabinet expected.

The prime minister presided at the cabinet session and struck out vigorously in defense of the "white paper" which he wrote to accompany increased estimates for British defense in 1935.

An old fighter for the cause of peace, the prime minister declared the "white paper" as a "peace document."

"Peace is its concluding thought; peace is its purpose throughout."

Heads of the two world wars were dead, and this has had its effect. His health is far from that robustness which he had last year's Canadian vacation would bring.

## Committee To Investigate

### Will Suggest Means To Deal With Unemployment Among Veterans

Ottawa.—Unemployment in the ranks of ex-service men will be the subject of investigation by a committee which will recommend to Hon. D. M. Sutherland, minister of pensions and national health, the best means of dealing with this problem.

An ex-in-conduit authorizing the inquiry was issued following representations by the Canadian Legion.

The committee will consist of Hon. J. W. Price, Edmonton; Ottawa; Col. C. B. Price, Montreal; and W. B. Woods, Toronto.

The committee will carry out an investigation into existing facilities for provision of employment for ex-service men, their care and maintenance while unemployed, and report with such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

Ottawa.—The appointment of a committee to investigate the best plan for dealing with the unemployed was highly gratifying, resulting as it does from representations made by the Canadian Legion for such action, said Brigadier General Alex Ross, C.M.G., Dominion president of the legion here.

## Want To Celebrate

### Unemployed Of Edmonton Want Cash Reward For Jubilee Festivities

Edmonton.—Edmonton's unemployed want to celebrate the king's jubilee, but they must have the aid of the city's welfare department to fulfill their desire.

A petition has been presented to the city council urging the unemployed be given a special gift of 50 cents for each extra relief recipient "to help us to celebrate the king's jubilee."

The relief recipient will be given \$1 each as a Christmas gift and it was in cash. No action has been taken on the jubilee request.

## Heavy Fines For Speeding

### British Law Will Be Strictly Enforced In London

London.—The unwary motorist who exceeds 30 miles an hour in London's built-up areas is due for an unpleasant surprise.

The police and policemen and police-women in cars will be used to trap speeding drivers. The patrols will cruise at 30 miles an hour. Anyone who overtakes the police car will be given a ticket.

This step was taken after an intensive debate. The committee held the training of the cadet corps as very little educational advantage and was inconsistent with the spirit of peace.

**Supporting Fund**

Ottawa.—The Merrimack, Sash branch of the Canadian Legion advised the management of the King George V. Silver Jubilee Committee that it was planning a subscription list to every member of the legion in its zone with the object of raising money and for a second offence £50 (about \$243).

**Trade Mission To Far East**

Montreal.—Over 100 Canadian business men are expected to sail from Vancouver, October 5, for China, Japan and Manchukuo on a trade mission sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Commerce and Canadian Manufacturers' Association. J. A. Cooper, secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, said about 500 bookings have already been made.

**Peace Is Written On Its Forehead**

Montreal.—Its peace paper, "Peace is its concluding thought; peace is its purpose throughout," was the title of the speech of Mr. MacDonald, who was working very hard of late, and this has had its effect. His health is far from that robustness which he had last year's Canadian vacation would bring.

## British House Votes Its Approval Of 1935 Naval Estimates

London.—The British House of Commons voted its approval, 158 to 40, of naval estimates for 1935 had been of good service, establishing friendliest contact with all delegations.

He emphasized that the United Kingdom could not reduce the number of its naval vessels any further, but was anxious to get a joint international agreement for reduction of the sizes of vessels. Sir Bolton said he thought the maximum for all naval cruisers might be fixed at 7,000 tons and their guns limited to 6-inch.

The first lord assured the Labor party it "was doing to mind the election that the government was not mongering government," saying this is "the most senseless, groundless and base charge ever made by a political party against its country."

Sir Bolton stressed Britain's desire to see the size of battleships, cruisers and destroyers cut, and naval power may continue regulated by international agreement.

He announced preliminary conversations with other naval powers to prepare the ground for "the ap-

## Suspension Of Interest

### Mayor McGee Not Asking For Repudiation Of Vancouver's Obligation

Victoria.—"If the British Columbia government will give Vancouver the same kind of guarantee as the provinces received from the national government, then we will be able to get by without default," Mayor G. G. McGee told the private bill committee.

The mayor was speaking to a proposal that Vancouver be given power to suspend for two years the payment of more than three per cent. interest on its debts.

If the province would give the city an \$800,000 grant as proposed in the report of Thomas Bradshaw, Toronto financial expert, there would be no need to cut the interest the mayor said.

He declared the city was not able to pay its debts, but merely a suspension which would enable it to get straight within two years.

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## Trains Collide

### Eleven Persons Injured When Freight And Passenger Trains Meet In Blinding Snow Storm

Cardiac, Ont.—Eleven persons were injured when a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train and a freight train collided during a blinding snow storm.

Most seriously hurt was Engineer Malcolm D. McCaggart, of London, Ont., in charge of the passenger train, who incurred back injuries in a leap from the locomotive cab when he saw a collision was inevitable.

The other ten suffered shock, cuts, in two cases minor fractures, but able to continue to their destinations on the next train.

**May Disband Cadet Schools**

### Committee Of London County Will Recommend Step

London.—The education committee of the London county council of which Mr. J. E. L. G. is chairman, has decided to recommend the council should disband the cadet corps in the secondary schools. The governors of schools which received aid from the L.C.C. are also to be invited to do the same.

This step was taken after an intensive debate. The committee held the training of the cadet corps as very little educational advantage and was inconsistent with the spirit of peace.

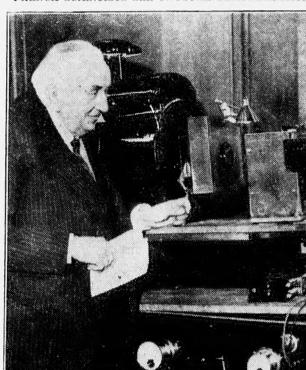
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## FRENCH SCIENTISTS SEE UNUSUAL DEMONSTRATION



Our picture shows Monsieur Lumière demonstrating what is claimed to be the first practical system of stereoscopic film projection at the Academic Sciences, Paris. The system is not new and M. Lumière does not claim his to be the first to have invented it. The glasses used are not the usual anaglyphic, but consist of exactly complementary colors, which the result is they quickly tired. M. Lumière claims to have perfected the glasses so that it is possible to watch stereoscopic films with no strain on the eye.

## VANCOUVER'S MAYOR



## Control Of Large Profits By Taxation Proposed By Hon. H. H. Stevens

Ottawa.—Control of profits in excess of an allowed maximum by taxation on a steeply graduated scale and distribution of the balance has been proposed by Hon. H. H. Stevens to the price spreads commission.

In memorandum placed before the former minister of trade, it was learned the former minister of trade commerce suggests "all profits of all corporations in excess of a datum quantity in each industry or commercial activity shall be divided into three parts: One-third going to the state, one-third going to all employees or workers in the industry (including executives), and one-third going to the company."

Other suggestions of the former trade minister are:

Operation of dump duty provisions of the tariff in domestic trade, as is done with imports, but where any article is sold at less than its fair market value in normal commercial practices the difference be assessed as a tax. The proposal is to put an end to special price cuts on imports by the same method.

Stoppage of all discounts, rebates or allowances in excess of five per cent. Five per cent. is suggested as being ample recognition of lower selling costs on large orders and also to compensate the big buyers for any discounts imposed with respect to credit.

Income tax regulations to force holding companies to pay income tax on earnings of individual units of the corporation instead of upon the corporation holding the units.

All salaries of more than \$10,000 yearly from companies be taxed as company earnings. A memorandum suggests the question has arisen if some companies are not using large amounts of money to pay dividends to their stockholders while paying no dividends so as to escape taxation.

Regulations for the financial setup of corporations, including pay-out of dividends only out of profits; payment of stock premium; limitation of stock options; limitation of stock options; and one preferred; complete exposure of all reserves in balance and annual statements that will show the true position of a company.

## Demand For Cars

### Production In Automobile Plants Shows Increase

Windsor, Ont.—Heavy increases in employment and production, ranging as high as 77 per cent. in the former and 40 per cent. in the latter for January and February of this year are reported by automotive companies.

Companies at present charge six per cent. as a rate on loans on policies but in cases where the insured fails to pay his premium and fails to make good, he has to pay double to cover it, the practice has been to add an extra charge for expenses.

In the case of one company, was an additional four per cent. In two of the large companies it was two per cent. and in one case three per cent.

Companies are also to be invited to do the same.

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**Awarded Damages**

Calgary.—A jury awarded Fred A. Campbell of Bilester, \$2,583 damages against the Regal Oil and Refining Company of Calgary, Canada, for a libelous statement it had made in a newspaper.

Mr. Campbell, a stockholder in the company, was libeled in a newspaper as being a "black sheep" of the company and sued for \$40,339 damages. He charged the company had been negligent.

**New Series Of Stamps**

### Six Stamps To Commemorate Silver Jubilee Of King George

Ottawa.—Postmaster General A. G. L. Ross has decided to issue six stamps to mark the coronation of King George V's silver jubilee. The stamps will be issued on August 11, 1935, for war purposes.

Finance Minister E. N. Bowles told H. E. Spencer (U.F.A., Battle River), in the House of Commons, that the stamps will be issued on August 11, 1935, for war purposes.

Answering a further question the minister said \$1,339,526,532 of bonds were issued free of taxation.

**Ontario Premier Threatened**

Toronto.—Premier Peter Mitchell E. Hobson said he has received a threat to blow up his home and buildings in Elgin county before July 12.

The premier said the letter was written in long-hand and mailed from St. Thomas. He turned the letter over to General Victor Williams, commissioner of provincial police.

## Gold Reserve Of New Central Bank Will Be Above Requirements

Ottawa.—The Bank of Canada has a gold reserve of \$106,583,355 according to its first statement.

The statement was of assets and liabilities at the end of the first three days of operation. The gold reserve is that turned over to the department of finance and chartered banks. It also has silver bullion and sterling and U.S. dollars funds, bringing total reserves up to \$107,200,000.

Gold backing is well above statutory requirements for note circulation and deposits from the Dominion government securities of \$14,809,930, turned over to it by the department of finance to cover construction operations.

If the government wishes to increase its gold reserve in the future it must borrow it on securities.

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The statement was issued on August 12, 1935.

All issue of notes backed by this gold reserve in future will be when the bank started operation.

## Atlantic To Be Bridged

Thirty-Hour Crossing By Air Expected in 1937

Europe's party hosts with comfort and safety! Breakfast in New York and dinner tomorrow night in Paris, London or Berlin! A dream?

"Far from it," writes Capt. Hugh Duncan Grant in the March issue of *Esquire*. "A man of fact, a man of vision, in the early spring of 1937 probably will find trans-Atlantic air mail and passenger services underway over the Seafarers Ocean Airway."

Capt. Grant continues: "The World War served as superintendent of the Meteorological Department of the British Navy, is now in America as Meteorological Consultant for the Armstrong Seadreams. He says:

"The trans-Atlantic airway leading to the Atlantic is about to commence; careful plans have been made for early execution. The Atlantic is to be bridged by four seadreams, costing in all four trans-Atlantic routes. The Latin American, the chosen meet for the first trans-Atlantic airway, will be the chosen meet for the first trans-Atlantic airway. Three of them will be located between the United States and the Azores across the 40th parallel of latitude and the fourth between the Azores and Feroe Islands."

"It is anticipated, on the American side, that the first of these mammoth man-made islands will be named after the 40th parallel. The sea across New York and 500 miles north-northeast from Bermuda by the summer of 1936 and within a year after that, Europe will be but a 30-hour hop from the United States. The first route to the European Terminal station will be placed some 600 miles west of Lisbon between Feroe and Azores."

"These floating airports, with six acres of unobstructed landing deck and a 100-foot runway, will be a safe haven for all sea passengers who want to break their trip, will be filling stations and safety harbors for Atlantic flyers and will constitute one of the greatest engineering achievements to have been made in the last century. It is a Canadian who will be the first to land and equipped with a landing deck anchored upon the high seas, they will permit the landing for refueling of the largest planes."

"The seadreams, of which many models have been built and tested, will be steel and iron open-work structure with a six-deck, 100-foot above the waterline and buoyancy tanks, able to float through the Atlantic, chambers filled with air, with a total of 500 feet below the surface, giving it stability. A 1,500-ton reinforced concrete anchor, resting on the bed of the ocean and connected to it by two four-inch galvanized standard steel cables will keep it in place, always lying down the wind in position for aircraft to land."

### The Least Known State

No European Allowed To Enter Bhutan Is India's Secret

The ruler of perhaps the least-known State in the world is to pay an official visit to Calcutta, where he will meet the viceregy and the most prominent members of the British Parliament of Bhutan, an independent state on the borders of India and Tibet. No European is permitted to enter Bhutan. There are no roads, railways, telephones or telegraphs. But the ruler, King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, is very happy now, with an old and flourishing culture. Bhutanese brass, copper and silver ware, often studied with semi-precious stones, is notable for its fine workmanship. The rugged terrain of the country is controlled by the government of India, and its rulers have been for long been on terms of the greatest friendship with Great Britain. The present ruler accepted the throne in 1926, when he was 21 years of age.

### Air Derby To Canada

Forging ahead with the plans for Vancouver's 1936 Jubilee, the committee in charge of arrangements for the air Derby, to be held in September, has found for a prospective \$25,000 air race from Croydon, England, to Vancouver, via Moscow and Tokyo. His name was not disclosed.

### Lots For Your Dolars

A proposed amalgamation of rail lines in New York will enable a passenger to ride 150 miles for a nickel. This \$2,500 miles for a dollar. And when there is a dollar will buy of anything about which you have knowledge to-day, says the Detroit Free Press.

Deterioration of upper leather in shoes, attributed to perspiration, is being studied by the Canadian scientists to see how the leather can be made more resistant.

## H.M.S. RENOWN RETURNS TO ENGLAND FOR REPAIRS



The British battleship, H.M.S. Renown, is shown arriving at Portsmouth for repairs after her collision last month with H.M.S. Hood off the coast of Spain. As a result of this collision the captain of the Renown was dismissed from his ship following a court-martial.

### One Of The Best Of Meats

Use Of Lamb Is Becoming More General In Canadian Homes

In Biblical days lamb, unblemished and of choice quality, was offered up in sacrifice, and even to-day in the Latin Mass lamb is the chosen meat for the Eucharistic sacrifice.

In Canada lamb was first used as a farm meat in the early days of settlement at logging bees, barn raisings, and other festive gatherings. In those days lamb was the meat of the table.

Today lamb is fresh-billed, thus possessing all the quality of a high-class farm product. Nowadays, after a full popular favour, the flavour of lamb is once more being developed and sought after throughout the world.

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He clung to the religious attitude during his imprisonment, knitting shawls in his jail cell, and stepped out of character only at the trial to witness, interrupt, testify, protect to him who and make faces at the judge.

### Corsican Bandit King

Sentenced To The Guillotine For Series Of Murders

Andre Spada, tough bandit king of Corsica, Italy, was recently sentenced to die on the guillotine for murder committed during his reign of terror.

Despite efforts of the defence to paint the outlaw as a 20th century "Robin Hood" who only followed the traditions of the island, the jury took only a few minutes to find him guilty.

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### Synthetic Emeralds

Firm In Germany Producing Them In Small Quantities

The first synthetic emerald has just been produced by the great German Chemical Dye Trust. It has been mounted with genuine emeralds in such a way that it will be the prize at a lottery at the Press Ball, the most outstanding social event of Berlin's winter season.

Called "Ignermida," in compliment to the trust, which has begun to export to Germany, it is popularly referred to in Germany as the "Ignermida." The "I.G." firm states it may only be produced in very small quantities, and possessors of real emeralds are advised that they need have no fear of any fall in value of the authentic gem.

This is on a leaf of a copy-book evidently intended for geometry, for the page had begun to turn at the page's top. His daughter, Charlotte, inherited his talent. There are several drawings and some hand-painted china by this lady, who later became queen of Quedenburg.

"Do you like school, Tommy?" "Golly, m'us'! If it wasn't for school we wouldn't get any 'oldays'!"

Rayon production in Italy continues to increase.

### Explanation Is Simple

Fewer Deaths During Hard Times Because People Get Attention

The one of the strangest things about the depression is the fact that the death rate has been falling. When people are going hungry and are unable to pay their bills, they would expect more of them to die, but, on the contrary, in such a representative territory as the State of New York, the death rate dropped from 1929 to 1934.

The chief explanation, according to the New York State Health Department, is fairly simple. It is said to lie in "the fact that State and Federal Government have assumed greater responsibility for maintaining of life among the millions of unemployed and their families."

It is a sharp rebuke to our modern society, when you stop to think of it, that when men are in such dire straits, better attention is then given to their deathbeds than they are self-supporting—Quebec Chronicle- Telegraph.

### Chapels In A Tree

Oak In France Is Large Enough To Contain Two

The French family of Belloncle has been for centuries "custodian of the key of the oak," and the tree in question, which stands in a grove in the village of Alouville-Bellefosse, and is large enough to contain two chapels. Nine men's extended arms are barely able to encircle its girth, which is said to be 120 feet in diameter.

It was visited in comparatively modern times by Charles II, of England, and Louis XV, of France. There are probably many which exceed it in size, but none which receive as much attention. The Somma cypress in Lombardy is known to have existed forty years before the first Christmas Day. According to Dean Stanley, they are still eight of the original olive trees standing in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The sea-lion is an animal and not a plant, but it grows at the bottom of the sea and is attached by a long, jointed stem.

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### Early Maturing Flax

New Type Developed At Alberta University Has Great Promise

Distribution of seed supplies from the University of Alberta of Redwing flax, a variety that is 10 days earlier than kinds usually sown on the central prairies, has been promised. "To move the flax-growing area north and to increase production by stabilizing output," according to Dr. O. S. Aamodt, professor of plant breeding at the university.

Previous results, both field and field, showed an average yield of 20 bushels, almost double the provincial average. Last year, by maturing before the early frost, it was the earliest flax to grade C.W. of seven bushels a test.

Redwing flax is distinguished by five leading features: Early maturing, highest yielding at Edmonton, stiff straw, most disease-resistant and highest quality of product.

The variety was developed in Alberta by Dr. Aamodt from a selection made in Minnesota in 1923 by Dr. E. C. Stakman and himself.

The old idea of growing flax has been proved wrong, said Dr. Aamodt. But as flax required 120 days to mature, it consequently was little raised in central and northern prairie areas.

Redwing offered a chance to farmers of the north to get more returns. Normally, flax yields two-thirds that of wheat, so should bring 50 per cent. more. The price has been doubled.

There is a market in Medicine Hat for flax that is not produced in Alberta, the professor said, and Canadian production had dropped heavily because it came largely from dry belt.

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Increases in Great Britain's defence budget remain below increases in some other nations. Here are some figures:

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### Britain's Defence Budget

Appropriations Shown To Be Lower Than That Of Some Other Nations

Great Britain's defence appropriations for the new fiscal year were \$620,000,000, or £391,843,000 at par. This is an increase of \$3,500,000 (\$17,10,000) over the naval estimates of 1934. The naval, army and air forces appropriated an increase of \$10,530,000 (\$15,219,540) over the past year, reaching an aggregate of \$17,451,000 (\$620,011,560).

Naval defences remain limited by the Washington treaty, despite its extension by Japan at the end of 1934. Consequently, the naval building program to be carried out during the coming 12 months remains one of replacement and not of increased construction. The bulk of the new ships will be required to go to necessary repairs and modernization of capital ships with a view of lengthening their term of effective service.

No new capital ships may be laid down in Canada for Washington to expire, and then only in event a substitute treaty permitting new capital ship construction is reached—or no suitable is evolved. Similarly, cruiser forces may not go over the 15 per cent. limits of the London naval treaty.

The naval estimates thus differ from the army and air appropriations in that they call for no increase in fighting craft. But they do provide for an increase of about 2,000 in personnel.

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Thursday, April 11th, 1935

**Stewart MacPherson**, was a visitor in town over the week end. He reported the roads in from the Valley as not in very good condition.

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smoszky** left for Calgary on Saturday where they are making their future home.

**Eric Cranston**, who has been on the staff of the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, left for Calgary, Saturday, having been moved to that point.

**Don't forget St. Mary's Easter Sale and Tea**, April 20th, in the old beer hall, Empress Hotel, commencing at 3 p.m.

**Next Sunday, April 14**, is Palm Sunday, and the evening service in the United Church will be appropriate to this occasion.

**C. R. Moore** was a visitor to Calgary last week and arrived back on Saturday.

**Miss Vera Saunders** was on the sick list this week; Miss Jean Kelley taught her pupils during her indisposition.

**Rev. J. S. Parke**, left today on a trip to Regina, accompanying Rev. C. M. K. Parsons and Rural Dean Hassell.

**The Castle Coombe W.M.S.** will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Rowsley on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. Easter offering will be taken. Please note change of date.

**Albert Shannon and Earl Saunders**, left by car, Wednes day, on a trip to Medicine Hat.

**Canada Makes Progress**  
Is Winning New Backers

(From Canadian Monitor)

**Ottawa**—"I could break the depression in 24 hours." This audacious boast was uttered by Gerry McGeer, the dynamic mayor of Vancouver, while in Ottawa with the delegation of mayors demanding complete federal relief for the burden of the unemployed.

Mayor McGeer's scheme—the

tapping of social credit—is gaining converts so fast throughout the English speaking world that it cannot longer be dismissed as "just another nostrum" for restoring prosperity.

Mr. McGeer would have the Federal Government order the chartered banks to loan money ad libitum, and at just enough interest to cover costs of operation, the Bank of Canada guaranteeing them against loss. If the amount of currency in circulation was insufficient to support more labor and industry working full time it would be a simple matter, he says, to recall the currency through taxation and cancel it. He repudiates the term "inflation" when applied to his method.

Questioned as to the disposal of surplus commodities, he said that such problems would be met little by little as they arose. He thought that Great Britain, for instance, could be induced to buy all Canada's surplus wheat, and that Canada, whereby Canada would buy equal value of British goods. For some time to come, however, most of the things produced would be absorbed domestically, he believed. He is convinced that things are going from bad to worse, that provincial and municipal governments are on the verge of bankruptcy, and that only through complete federal control and wide dissemination of credit can the country be saved.

J. S. Woodsworth, Labor

member and leader of the Co-

operative Commonwealth Federation, points out the significant fact that about 95 per cent of business is done on credit—controlled by banks and "sold" at a prohibitive price. He and his followers reason that as credit is created by the people it should be owned by the people and the best plank on their platform is state control of currency and credit in order to make it available for all who are willing to work.

The premier of Alberta has engaged M. J. H. Douglas, British economist, to act as economic adviser, with a view to applying the scheme so far as it is applicable to Alberta.

R. M. of Manitoba No. 262  
(cont. from last week)

will be allowed to be worked out on roads and the construction of dams; and the department is prepared to send an engineer to check up on all proposals in respect to the

Montgomery—That the road port be reviewed and that the road be established by the delegates is particularly satisfactory in regard to the payment of relief and in regard to the clearing up of the matter of legalizing of the assessment, and other general information brought back by the delegates.

Hawtin—That a bylaw be introduced to repeal Bylaw No. 25. This was given three readings by unanimous consent; and the municipality is no longer under the advanced assessment.

Hawtin—That the Assessment

Commission be notified.

Arnold—That the Secretary be authorized to purchase six new files for the office.

Montgomery—That the amount to be charged for winding such salvage from the fire be 25¢ a piece.

Ewards—That the Secretary follow up the efforts of the delegates with the local government board in an attempt to obtain cancellation of arrears of Public Revenue Taxes due to past over-assessment of the Municipality.

Montgomery—That we take up with the Alsask Hospital Board the question of obtaining a grant for that hospital and, if that meets with their approval, we follow up the action of the delegates with the Department of Public Health.

Leech—That we make application for further direct relief after the 31st of March.

Hawtin—That the secretary obtain cancellation of the proposed bylaws brought back by the delegates, that the 1934 direct relief may be worked out.

Dahl—That a bylaw be introduced authorizing the Municipality to make application for a further loan of \$2000.00 for agricultural re-establishment—Given three readings by unanimous consent.

Arnold—That a bylaw be introduced providing for the control of grasshoppers by the year 1935. Given three readings by unanimous consent.

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tures of \$113.97 with interest on the one for \$27.00 and on the other for \$18.00.

Montgomery—That the Reeve and the Secretary-Treasurer are, and are hereby authorized, to make application to the Royal Bank of Canada for a further line of credit of \$1,500.

For the sum of the aggregate amount so paid.

The Council considered all matters of relief in committee of the whole.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. to meet again April 1st.

C. Evans Sault, Secretary-Treasurer.

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It is to be regretted that the last few years have seen further increase in the debt of the Dominion, and from the municipalities. Much of our public debt has been incurred for purposes of public works, and part of the ordinary government of the country, but much has resulted from experiments in the

construction of a great network of modern highways, and ordinary common sense.

Montgomery—That any person finding grasshoppers in sufficient numbers to be liable to do damage should immediately report same to the controller for the division, who shall thereupon be a committee, with the Reeve, to make arrangements for immediately supplying poison bait.

Hawtin—That D. Revitt had

nothing more to add at this instant.

Dahl—That the Secretary be instructed to send a cheque for

Mauritius Telephone Company covering the two old debt items.